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SUBJECT:GOC REQUEST FOR EXPLANATION OF WITHDRAWAL OF
PCVS FROM FAYA LARGEAU

REF: A) NDJAMENA 2782; B) NDJAMENA 2745; C) NDJAMENA 2723

1. NO NEED TO RECONSIDER WITHDRAWAL OF PCVS FROM FAYA.
HOWEVER, AMBASSADOR LITTLE REQUESTS THAT EMBASSY ASCERTAIN
TO EXTENT POSSIBLE CURRENT SECURITY SITUATION IN OTHER
THREE TOWNS WHERE VOLUNTEERS SLATED FOR WITHDRAWAL (I.E.,
ATI, BILTINE, AND ABECHÉ). WILL AWAIT UPDATE ON SITUATION
IN EACH BEFORE MAKING FINAL DECISION RE THOSE VOLUNTEERS.

2. IN MAKING RESPONSE TO GOC NOTE ASKING FOR EXPLANATION OF
EVACUATION OF PCVS FROM FAYA, FOLLOWING SHOULD BE KEPT IN

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MIND: USG IS CONCERNED WITH WELFARE OF ITS PERSONNEL

STATIONED OVERSEAS. EVERY FEASIBLE PRECAUTION TO INSURE THEIR SAFETY MUST BE TAKEN, INCLUDING THE REMOVAL OF PCVS FROM HAZARDOUS OR POTENTIALLY HAZARDOUS AREAS. SECURITY OF VOLUNTEERS IS ONLY MOTIVATION FOR THIS DECISION.

3. FOLLOWING IS SUGGESTED DRAFT REPLY NOTE TO GOC: REFERRING

TO MINISTRY'S NOTE OF OCTOBER 29, THE EMBASSY HAS HONOR OF INFORMING THE GOC OF THE REASONS NECESSITATING THE WITHDRAWAL OF TWO PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS FROM FAYA LARGEAU. THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, LIKE OTHER GOVERNMENTS, TAKES ALL FEASIBLE PRECAUTIONS TO INSURE THE SAFETY OF ITS PERSONNEL OVERSEAS. IN THE CASE OF THE TWO VOLUNTEERS FROM FAYA, THE SECURITY OF THE VOLUNTEERS WAS THE SOLE MOTIVATION FOR THE DECISION TO MOVE THEM TO N'DJAMENA. THE EMBASSY HOPES THAT THE MINISTRY WILL UNDERSTAND THE NEED FOR RETURNING THE VOLUNTEERS TO N'DJAMENA AND WILL ASSIST THE EMBASSY IN REDEPLOYING THE VOLUNTEERS ELSEWHERE FOR SERVICE IN THE REPUBLIC OF CHAD, SHOULD THAT BE THE WISH OF THE GOC. COMPLIMENTARY CLOSING.

4. EMBASSY/PEACE CORPS COMMENTS ON ABOVE ARE REQUESTED ASAP. NOTE SHOULD NOT BE SUBMITTED PRIOR FINAL CLEARANCE FROM DEPT AND EMBASSY REASSESSMENT OF SITUATION IN OTHER THREE TOWNS. ANY SUGGESTIONS EMBASSY MAY HAVE ON MAKING THIS DECISION MORE PALATABLE TO GOC WOULD BE MOST WELCOME. IN ADDITION, REQUEST EMBASSY/PEACE CORPS VIEWS ON HOW POSSIBLE REPATRIATION TO US (OR, ALTERNATIVELY, TRANSFER TO OTHER AFRICAN PC PROGRAM) OF FAYA PCVS WOULD AFFECT OPERATIONS/MORALE OF PC/CHAD.

5. WHERE ARE PCVS ASSIGNED TO ATI, BILTINE, AND ABECHÉ;
STILL AT SITES OR IN NDJAMENA? KISSINGER

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